Irregularities with the Directorate of Hydrocarbons

4394. SHRI DEVDAS APTE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any report of irregularities and disputes regarding the Directorate General of Hydrocarbons;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what action Government have taken so far against those who are responsible for these irregularities; and

(d) what steps Government have taken to correct the irregularities and disputes to retain the transparency of the Directorate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir. A complaint has been received through Central Vigilance Commission.

(b) to (d) The Government has contemplated to institute an enquiry into the matter.

Bottling plants in Rajasthan

†4395. SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of bottling plants in Rajasthan and whether there is any plan to set up new bottling plants there; and

(b) the area covered by one bottling plant for the purpose of supply of cylinders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) As on 1.4.2007, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are operating 12 LPG bottling

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